

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): An image recording apparatus comprising:

an image acquisition means-unit for obtaining that obtains image data sets;

a classification selection means-unit for carrying that carries out classification and/or selection on the image data sets; and

a media recording means-unit for recording that records the image data sets that have been subjected to the classification and/or the selection in a portable recording medium;

wherein the classification selection unit carries out the classification on the image data sets according to scene characteristic thereof by analyzing the scene characteristic including at least one of: colors of images represented by the image data sets, density distribution therein, and a shape of a subject therein.

2. (currently amended): The image recording apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the classification selection ~~means-unit~~ carries out the classification on the image data sets according to either date of photography thereof or similarity between images represented by the image data sets.

3. (canceled).

4. (currently amended): The image recording apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the classification selection ~~means-unit~~ carries out the selection on the image data sets for selecting images representing no blur and a person or persons whose eyes are not closed.

5. (currently amended): The image recording apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the classification selection ~~means-unit~~ carries out the classification first in the case where the classification and the selection are carried out.

6. (currently amended): The recording apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the classification selection ~~unitmeans~~ carries out the selection first in the case where the classification and the selection are carried out.

7. (currently amended): The image recording apparatus according to Claim 1 further comprising a reception ~~means-for-receiving~~unit that receives an instruction to carry out further classification and/or further selection on the image data sets that have been subjected to the classification and/or the selection and ~~for carrying~~that carries out the further classification and/or the further selection, wherein

the media recording ~~means-unit~~ records in the recording medium the image data sets that have been subjected to the further classification and/or the further selection by the reception ~~unit~~means.

8. (currently amended): The image recording apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the media recording unit means records the image data sets that have been subjected to the classification and/or the selection in the recording medium in a format that enables display of a slide show.

9. (currently amended): The image recording apparatus according to Claim 8, wherein the media recording unit means records the image data sets in either a video CD format or a DVD video format in the recording medium.

10. (currently amended): The image recording apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the media recording unit means records in the recording medium the image data sets having been subjected to the classification and/or the selection in a manner that enables printing thereof.

11. (original): An image recording method comprising the steps of:
obtaining image data sets;
carrying out classification and/or selection on the image data sets; and
recording the image data sets that have been subjected to the classification and/or the selection in a portable recording medium.

12. (currently amended): A computer-readable medium storing a program causing a computer to record images, the ~~computer-readable medium~~ program comprising:

~~means for obtaining image data sets;~~
~~means for carrying out classification and/or selection on the image data sets; and~~
~~means for recording the image data sets that have been subjected to the classification~~
and/or the selection in a portable recording medium.

13. (previously presented): The image recording apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the portable recording medium comprises one of the following: a CD-R, a DVD-R, a DVD-RAM, an FD, an MO Disc, and a memory card.

14. (currently amended): The image recording apparatus according to Claim 1 further comprising a reception unit that receives ~~means for receiving~~ an instruction to carry out further classification and/or further selection on the image data sets that have been subjected to the classification and/or the selection and for carrying out the further classification and/or the further selection based on different criteria than the previously carried out classification and/or selection, wherein

the media recording ~~unit means~~ records in the recording medium the image data sets that have been subjected to the further classification and/or the further selection by the reception ~~unit means~~.